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--- OSD/WASHDC FOR KOMER AND SIENA WITH SECDEF'S PARTY

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SUBJECT: WASHINGTON NATO SUMMIT: SCHEDULE AND ORGANIZATION

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1. IN THE LIGHT OF REPORTS IN REFS A, B, AND C, THIS
MESSAGE EXPANDS UPON THE GUIDANCE IN REF D. MISSION MAY
DISSEMINATE THIS FURTHER GUIDANCE AS APPROPRIATE TO
LUNS AND THE ALLIES IN THE MANNER WHICH IT DEEMS BEST.

2. FRENCH PARTICIPATION.

A. FIRST DAY LUNCH. AT THIS TIME WE WISH TO ADHERE STRICTLY TO THE TEXT OF THE GUIDANCE IN PARA 2, REF D, NAMELY: "LUNCH TO BE HOSTED BY THE PRESIDENT ON THE FIRST DAY IS TO BE RESTRICTED TO HEADS OF STATE AND GOVERNMENT PLUS THE SYG." IF ALLIES REQUEST CLARIFICATION OR SUGGEST MODIFICATION, YOU SHOULD SIMPLY INDICATE THAT YOU WILL UNDERTAKE TO REPORT TO WASHINGTON AND SEEK GUIDANCE. FYI ONLY: ONCE WE HAVE ALLIES' REACTIONS, AND IF THERE IS GENERAL ALLIED ACCEPTANCE OF THE PRESIDENT'S INITIATIVE TO RESTRICT THE LUNCH TO ALLIED CHIEFS OF STATE AND HEADS OF GOVERNMENT, WE WILL THEN FACE THE 'E' PROBLEM. AT THAT TIME WE WOULD POINT OUT TO THE FRENCH. AND ANY OTHER ALLIED GOVERNMENT THAT WAS NOT GOING TO BE REPRESENTED AT THE SUMMIT BY ITS CHIEF OF STATE OR HEAD OF GOVERNMENT, THAT THE PRESIDENT HAD INTENDED TO RESTRICT THE LUNCH IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE EXPRESSED DESIRES OF ALLIED LEADERS FOR AN OPPORTUNITY TO DISCUSS MATTERS WITH THEIR COLLEAGUES IN AN INFORMAL AND INTIMATE FORUM. RECOGNIZING THE PROBLEM THIS WOULD CAUSE FOR ALLIES WHO WOULD NOT BE REPRESENTED AT THE HIGHEST LEVEL, WE WOULD EXPRESS OUR UNDERSTANDING AND DESIRE TO BE RESPONSIVE TO ANY REQUESTS FROM THAT LEVEL THAT THE HEAD OF HIS DELEGATION BE INVITED TO ATTEND THE PRESIDENT'S LUNCH INSTEAD. END FYI.

B. ON THE SECOND DAY. THAT THE FRENCH WILL NOT
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PARTICIPATE IN SUMMIT SESSIONS DEVOTED TO DISCUSSION OF THE LTDP IS ABUNDANTLY CLEAR. HOWEVER, WE NOTE THE FRENCH HAVE NOT RULED OUT AND IN FACT HAVE TACITLY AGREED TO PARTICIPATION IN PROCEEDINGS ON THE SUMMIT'S SECOND DAY PROVIDED THOSE SESSIONS DEAL WITH WHAT THEY REGARD AS LEGITIMATE BUSINESS AT FIFTEEN. THE KEY TO THIS DILEMMA IS THE QUESTION OF WHERE ON THE AGENDA THE TOPIC "TRANSATLANTIC COOPERATION IN THE DEVELOPMENT AND PROCUREMENT OF WEAPONS" (TAD) WILL BE PLACED. CLEARLY, THIS IS A SEPARATE LONDON INITIATIVE, AND FOR THIS AND OTHER REASONS IT REQUIRES CONSIDERATION SEPARATE FROM THE LTDP OR ANY OTHER SUMMIT AGENDA ITEM. ON THE ONE HAND, IF TAD IS ON THE MAY 30 AGENDA, IT IS POSSIBLE FRANCE COULD CONSIDER ITS SUMMIT PARTICIPATION CONCLUDED AT THE END OF THAT DAY. ON THE OTHER HAND, IF TAD WERE INSERTED AS A SEPARATE AGENDA ITEM AT THE END OF THE SECOND DAY, THIS MIGHT TAKE UP TIME NEEDED FOR DISCUSSION OF THE LTDP. WASHINGTON'S POSITION ON THIS MATTER REMAINS AS STATED IN PARA 5, REF D. (OF COURSE, TIME PERMITTING, THERE COULD BE FURTHER DISCUSSION OF TAD ON THE SECOND DAY, EVEN WITHOUT THE FRENCH.) WE DO NOT FAVOR A SECOND

"POLITICAL" SESSION AT THE END OF DAY TWO AS BEING CUMBERSOME. HOWEVER, WE WOULD APPRECIATE HAVING ALLIES' VIEWS ON THIS WHOLE SUBJECT.

3. PARTICIPATION BY MINISTERS.

WE ARE NOT INSISTING ON PARTICIPATION BY FOREIGN MINISTERS ON THE SECOND DAY, THOUGH WE'RE PREPARED TO BE RESPONSIVE IF ALLIES WANT FOREIGN MINISTERS PRESENT. WE DO NOT FAVOR PARTICIPATION BY DEFENSE MINISTERS ON THE FIRST DAY, SINCE THE ONLY BUSINESS SESSION ON

MAY 30 NOT RESTRICTED IN ATTENDANCE UNDER OUR PLAN TO "ONE-PLUS-ONE" WOULD BE THE GENERAL DISCUSSION BY
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HEADS OF DELEGATION ON THE MORNING OF THE FIRST DAY. ONE TECHNICAL PROBLEM IN THIS REGARD IS THAT OUR CONFERENCE HALL CANNOT COMFORTABLY BE CONFIGURED FOR MORE THAN THREE SEATS PER DELEGATION AT THE CONFERENCE TABLE ITSELF. OF COURSE, WE'LL WANT TO TAKE ALLIES' VIEWS INTO ACCOUNT.

4. THE SUMMIT'S SECOND DAY.

WE WILL FORWARD GUIDANCE ON THE SECOND DAY AFTER THE SECDEF AND HIS PARTY RETURN TO WASHINGTON.

5. WE ARE WORKING INTENSIVELY TO DEVELOP ADDITIONAL GUIDANCE, ESPECIALLY US POSITIONS REGARDING THE SUBSTANCE OF THE TWO DAYS' PROCEEDINGS. GUIDANCE SHOULD BE READY EARLY NEXT WEEK. FYI: OUR PRELIMINARY UNCLEAR THINKING CONTINUES IN THE DIRECTION OF HAVING TWO SEPARATE PRIMARY PUBLIC DOCUMENTS: A "DECLARATION OF WASHINGTON" EMERGING FROM THE FIRST DAY'S CONSULTATION, AND A STATEMENT SUMMARIZING THE RESULTS OF THE HIGHLY-IMPORTANT LTDP EMERGING FROM THE SECOND DAY. WHILE THESE DOCUMENTS SHOULD STAND ON THEIR OWN, WE WOULD CONSIDER ANY ALLIES' CONCERNS REGARDING: A) THE CONNECTION OF THESE TWO PRINCIPAL DOCUMENTS BY A "CHAPEAU", B) THE ISSUANCE OF A SEPARATE UNCLASSIFIED SUMMARY OF THE EAST-WEST STUDY, OR C), IF ALLIES INSIST, THE ISSUANCE OF A COMMUNIQUE OF THE MORE STANDARD FORM, PROVIDED THESE OTHER PUBLIC DOCUMENTS WERE PRESENTED IN A MANNER WHICH WOULD NOT DETRACT PUBLIC ATTENTION FROM THE TWO PRINCIPAL PUBLIC STATEMENTS. END FYI.

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